Import of Palmolein under O.G.L

5. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the exact date on which decision was taken to import palmolein under O.G.L. this year and the reasons therefor; and

(b) what was the prevailing domestic prices, as compared to international prices, particularly of Malaysian Palmolein and the consequent price rise and the actual price on which it was imported by Government and private traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The decision to place imports of edible vegetable palmolein oil under Open General Licence was taken on 18.4.94 so as to augement the availability of edible oils in the domestic market and stablise the prices.

(b) The prevailing wholesale price of Groundnut oil in the middle of April 1994 was Rs. 3767 per quintal (at Delhi) as compared to US $ 487.50 F.O.B. per tonne for edible vegetable palmolein oil in Malaysia during the same period. The State Trading Corporation has contracted for import of edible vegetable palmolein oil at an average price of US $ 556 C.I.F. per tonne for July to September, 1994 shipments. There is no specific information available about the prices at which private traders have contracted for import of edible vegetable palmolein oil during July to September, 1994.

International forward deals in Palmolein Import

6. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision to allow the import of Palmolein under the Open General Licence (OGL) was known to select traders who reportedly made huge billings in international forward deals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices in the international market remained stable from October, 1993 to March, 1994, before news of the possibility of massive Indian purchases led to sudden volatility; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a cartel of Indian traders indulged in heavy forward purchase booking profit close to $ 100 per tonne?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The Government has no information regarding huge international forward deals alleged to have been made by private traders just before import of pamolein under OGL was allowed.

It is not correct to say that the prices of palmolein of Malayasian origin remained stable during October, 1993 to March, 1994. Month-wise prices of palmolein in the international market are given below which shows a definite increasing trend:—

Months	Monthly average price US £ PMT FOB Malaysia
Oct., 1993	346
Nov., 1993	364
Dec., 1993	412
Jan., 1994	425
Feb., 1994	434
March., 1994	432

(Source : Oil World Weekly)

The Government has no information regarding any cartel of Indian traders having indulged in heavy forward purchase, booking profit close to $100 per tonne.

Requirement of edible oils in Madhya Pradesh

7. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of edible oils in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the actual quota of edible oil provided to Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the quota of edible oils to Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not placed any demand for allocation of edible oil to the State for PDS during the current year.

(b) The quantity of edible oil allocated to and lifted by Government of Madhya Pradesh during the last three Oil-Years is as under:—

Oil-Year (Nov.-Oct.)	Allocation	Lifting (Qty. in M.T.s.)
1990-91 . . .	9.700	9.761
1991-92 . .	5.800	1.651
1992-93 . . .	Nil	Nil

(c) and (d) In view of the reply at (a) above, question does not arise.

माप विज्ञान में प्रशिक्षण

8. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले साल व इस साल विधिक माप विज्ञान में किन-किन व्यक्तियों को प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है ;

(ख) प्रशिक्षण के उद्देश्य क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या इन उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त कर लिया गया है ; और

(घ) यह प्रशिक्षण किस हद तक सफल है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) भारतीय विधिक माप विज्ञान संस्थान, रांची से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ख) प्रशिक्षण को "बाट तथा माप" के विषय से संबंधित कानूनी, वैज्ञानिक तथा प्रशासनिक मामलों के बारे में अद्यतन सूचना मुहैया कराना।

(ग) जी हां। तथापि, यह एक निरंतर चलती रहने वाली प्रक्रिया है, जिसके अंतर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों में भर्ती किए गए बाट तथा माप निरीक्षकों को व्यापक आधारभूत पाठ्यक्रम में तथा अन्यों को पुनश्चर्या पाठ्यक्रम का प्रशिक्षण दिया जाता है।

(घ) प्रशिक्षण काफी सफल रहा है।